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LEST the readers of the WEEKLY may wearily turn away from an everlasting topic, let us say at once that the subject is not the long-discussed, often-revived, and still lingering pet notion of ours, the “American Finding List.” After the Centennial, Philadelphia perhaps, ever ready to subscribe, will come forward and complete our subscription list. For the present we have resolved to lay it quietly on the table, waiting for better days and a new publishing generation. This resolution has not been shaken by Mr. Steiger's “Specimen of an Attempt at a Catalogue of Original American Books, with Index of Subject-Matter,”—16 inviting pages, including a preface, and in the preface the following epitaph on American bibliography :

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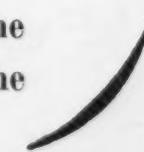
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